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## By the Queene.



As much as the Queenes Maiestie is informed, that diuers of her highnesse subiectes, vnder pretence of seruice on the seas, haue some armed ships and vessels, and some other entred into seruice as Maryners and souldiers in these troublesome times of ciuile warres, some on the one side, and some on the other, do by colour of such seruice, trouble, bere, and spoyle, not only the subiectes of the princes her Maiesties neighbours, both of Fraunce and of the lowe countreys, but her highnesse owne subiectes also, wherby the traffique of marchandise and trade of fshyng is at this present greatly hyndered, her Maiesties customes muche decreased, and all marchaundises greatly enhaunced in pryces, besydes the manyfolde troubles, daungers, and losses that do come to al persons who shoulde traffique by sea, and so her hyghnesse subiectes on both sydes leauyng theyr vsuall trade of fshyng, and sea fairing in way of marchaundise, takyng partes, be become as enemies, and exercise actes of hostilitie on the one syde or on the other, to al manner of persons hauntynge on the seas, and amongst them selues also, where contrarywyse her Maiesties wyl and pleasure is, that none of her subiectes shoulde intermeddle in any quarrels of any forraigne prince or subiect, of the one syde or of the other (and specially by sea) without her licence thereto first obtayned, as hath often ben declared both by proclamation and letters: Because nowe of late, vnder pretence of those forraigne seruices, many pyracies be dayly committed and done, yea in her Maiesties owne portes, and a great number of her hyghnesse Maryners and fshermen, be turned from good subiectes, to appeare rather to be pyrates & sea roauers, to her Maiesties great greefe, & to the great daunger of this estate. Her Maiestie therefore straghtly chargeth and commaundeth that all maner of persons whosoever they be, that haue not licence expresse from her Maiestie, to be shewed vnder wytyng, to serue any forraigne prince or other in warlike maner, eyther as souldiers or Maryners, specially by sea, shal immediately after this proclamation published, and so soone as notice of the same do come to them, surceasse from suche seruice, and returne home to theyr accustomed occupation and trade of lyfe, vpon payne that whosoever shal not do so, shalbe taken and reputed for a rebel, and disobedient to her Maiestie. And further straghtly chargeth and commaundeth all Admirals, viceadmirals, and all Captaynes and maisters of her hyghnesse shippes, and all other her officers whiche haue to do on the seas, & likewise al Justices of peace, al Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Customers, Comptrollers, and Searchers, al Constables and Headboroughes, and al other her hyghnesse officers, ministers, and louyng subiectes whosoever they be, to apprehende, take, and commyt to pryson, al suche as shal do contrary to this proclamation, and to stay all theyr shippes, tackle, victuell, and munition within the same shippes, vntil suche tyme as her Maiesties further pleasure be knowen. And because her Maiestie hath further ben enformed that diuers of her officers by reason of some gaine (as it is suspected) haue wynted often at these disorders, and haue ben cause why suche offenders do so encrease: her Maiestie by these presentes, geueth expresse warning to al her highnesse officers, that whosoever shalbe hereafter founde to be negligent in apprehending such malefactours, and in the execution of this proclamation, or shal wyntke at theyr doynges, that vpon information, if the sayd officers shalbe founde gylty of that negligence or corruption, they shal not only loose theyr offices, but shal incurre also her Maiesties further displeasure, and be seuerely punished, as shal apparteyne. And if the head officers of any porte and towne corporate, shalbe founde herein hereafter faultie, her Maiestie shal haue cause to cease the liberties of the same towne, for theyr disobedience so daungerous to this Realme, and to so euyl an example.

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*God saue the Queene.*

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